

FOR A TARIFF COMMISSION

MANUFACTURERS ON RECORD AFTER A HOT DEBATE.

A Semi-Judicial Board of Experts Investigate the Whole Question—Minority Report Favors Leaving the Tariff to Congress—All of Them Protectionists.

The National Association of Manufacturers at yesterday's session of the annual convention at the Waldorf-Astoria put itself on record as favoring the creation of a permanent semi-judicial tariff commission or a board of experts with a revision of the tariff and a good sized rampus was kicked up over this resolution, but it finally went through with one dissenting voice. The association, although recognizing the necessity for an adjustment of the tariff schedule, still sticks to the cardinal principle of protection. Here are the resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, First, That we emphasize the importance of maintaining the principle of protection of American interests, of farm, factory and labor.

Second, That we recommend to Congress the creation of a permanent semi-judicial tariff commission or board of experts which shall investigate thoroughly and scientifically all matters pertaining to the subject to the end that Congress and the Executive may be fully informed and shall assist the State Department when desired in the formulation and negotiation of treaties of reciprocity.

Third, That we recommend as a basis of protective duties upon which the commission shall work the principle of international costs, to wit: Protective duties should represent substantially the permanent differential between the cost of production in foreign countries and that in the United States, with an ample margin for safety.

The report of the committee on tariff with the resolutions was read by H. E. Miles of Racine, Wis. E. Dean of Indianapolis, Ind., announced a moment later that he had a minority report to present. Mr. Dean declared that the tariff question couldn't be taken out of politics and that he didn't believe in the association entering politics. He added that the attempt which had been made by members of the association to browbeat Congress on this tariff question had been "tactless and indecent."

"It is," said he, "doing a great damage to the association and should not be pushed. I think that the great majority of the members of this association are opposed to tariff revision. What there must be is a general reduction in American wages."

E. P. Robinson of Boston jumped up with a motion that the minority report be substituted for the majority, and somebody else suggested that both reports be received.

"To revise the whole tariff at this time would be a crime," said Thomas H. Egan of Cincinnati. Then up jumped Howard Gillespie of Pittsburgh. He also dissented from the attitude of the association's committee. He believed the tariff propaganda as conducted was detrimental to the interests of the association and that it was foolhardy to antagonize members of Congress on this question.

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BELMONT TUNNEL WINS AT LAW.

Court of Appeals Holds That the City Couldn't Have the Work Enjoined.

ALBANY, May 19.—The validity of the Steinway tunnel franchise under which the Belmont tunnel from Forty-second street, New York, to Long Island City was constructed, was practically upheld to-day by the Court of Appeals, which held that the city of New York could not enjoin the building of the tunnel.

The litigation over the Belmont or Steinway tunnel has lasted for more than two years, the city having steadily denied the right of the Belmont corporation, known as the New York and Long Island Railroad Company, to construct and operate the tunnel under the old Steinway franchise.

Justice Blanchard at the outset of the litigation refused to grant a temporary injunction restraining the construction, holding that if the franchise had really lapsed and the city was entitled to the tunnel rights no harm could come if the construction went on at the risk of the company claiming the right to construct.

In November last the Appellate Division sustained Justice Blanchard's contention, holding that the Belmont project was of great importance and should not be held up on the mere possibility that at some future time it might be determined that the old Steinway franchise was invalid.

In their notice of appeal the Belmonts expressed no purpose to purchase the tunnel from the Belmont interests, and a formal offer to sell for \$7,239,476 was made in February by President Shonta to the city of New York. That offer is still under consideration.

INTEREST CHARGE ABANDONED.

Purchasers of the New Pennsylvania Bonds Get It Back.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., as managers of the American allotment of the recent \$40,000,000 Pennsylvania bond flotation, sent back to purchasers of the bonds yesterday interest which the bankers had charged purchasers when the allotment was made. The return of the money followed criticism that had been directed against the managers of the syndicate for a charge unusual in banking transactions.

Every subscriber for the bonds, according to the terms of the offering, deposited a good faith check to the amount of 5 per cent of the par value of the bonds subscribed for. The bonds were delivered May 1, but were not to be delivered until May 25, and the balance of the purchase money was to be paid on the latter date, when the bonds would be delivered and accrued interest from May 1. It so happened that the allotment was exactly 5 per cent of the original subscription, the issue being heavily oversubscribed, so that in every case the good faith check paid for more than the entire purchase price of the bonds allotted to subscribers.

BELL AIRPLANE FLIES AGAIN

TWO MORE SHORT FLIGHTS TWO MADE IN THE RAIN.

On the Second Lieut. Selfridge, the Aviator, Lost Control of the Front Plane and the White Wings Took a Header into the Mud, Breaking the Rudder Wheel.

HAMMONDSPORE, N. Y., May 19.—In two short flights made by the airplane White Wings at Stony Brook Farm to-day it was demonstrated that the airship can travel in the rain.

The action of making short flights was shown also, for on the second ascent Lieut. Selfridge, the aviator, lost control of the front plane and narrowly escaped a bad fall. This shows that Dr. Alexander Bell is right in his insistence on short trial ascents until all the aviators fully understand the complicated controls of the aeroplanes.

The first ascent was made at 5:20 in a drizzling rain and a strong south wind. In spite of these disadvantages the aeroplane remained in the air two seconds and travelled 100 feet at a height of nine feet. The time spent travelling the 210 feet on the track to attain velocity was six and one-half seconds. After Lieut. Selfridge, who was in the saddle, brought the White Wings to the ground again she ran 201 feet over the meadow. No damage was done, the wheels under the plane operating with success in keeping them from contact with the ground. The action of the propeller was impeded by a wire breaking.

After the wire had been replaced a second trial was made, although it was then raining heavily. The machine left the track within a second or two of the start and at once rose about thirty feet. Then she dipped and after a second more of flight descended with a crash, a fall of about twenty feet.

The front plane struck the ground first and was partly buried in the ploughed earth of the field. The rudder wheel was broken by the fall, but Lieut. Selfridge was not injured in the least. He said the cause of the abrupt descent was his losing control of the front plane.

"The White Wings dipped a little to the right and in managing the wing tip control I forgot my front plane," he said. "This simply proves the wisdom of short flights. Operating an aeroplane is a new thing to us all and we must learn by short flights before we make a long one. A baby crawls who knows before it walks," he concluded smiling.

Asked if he experienced any disagreeable sensations he laughed and said, "No, none at all. I was too busy thinking of the running of the machine to have any sensations at all."

More trials will be made to-morrow, for G. H. Curtiss, the builder of the White Wings, said to-night that the damage done would all be repaired by noon to-morrow.

TELEPHONE SECRETS.

Why Board of Trade and Transportation Will Not Attempt to Disclose Them.

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation sent to Gov. Hughes yesterday a communication in support of the advisability of putting the telephone and telegraph companies under the control of the Public Service Commission. The board's report is a long one, but it says that competition in the telephone business is practically impossible, that the telephone and telegraph companies have been able to raise their rates at will and that they have been drawing undue and enormous profits from their monopolies. The letter contains this statement:

To fully answer the question, "Why have telephone and telegraph corporations been thus far exempted from regulation?" would be to reveal the financial secrets of those corporations as well as those of the political parties in control of legislation during the last twenty years of our history. It is an attempt to disclose these secrets, because it is our hope and belief that influences which have been heretofore effective in controlling the political leaders of both parties and in controlling the Legislature will now prove futile.

While no member of the Legislature can evade his personal responsibility to the people, the members of the Legislature who control legislation, and the majority and minority, it represents must bear the responsibility if measures of relief are longer withheld. And this means more than ever before in the history of this State. The public conscience was never so sensitive as now and the public sentiment never so pronounced. Upon the eve of the election of a President and a Governor it behooves both parties to keep themselves above suspicion.

TWO NEW CHURCHES.

Plans for One in Washington Heights and One in Harlem.

Plans were filed yesterday for two new churches, one to be built on a large plot fronting 253 feet on 181st street just west of Fort Washington road and to be known as the Reformed Dutch Church, being the fifth of a series of churches to be built in the new building will be owned by the Collegiate Church of the Netherlands.

The other church is to be built on making one block of the street between 181st and 183rd streets and 43rd and 45th streets for the congregation of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, which the Rev. L. B. Twiss is pastor. The church will be a frame of 10 feet and will be of Gothic design.

Court Calendars This Day.

Supreme Court—Appellate Division—Part I.—Motion, 24, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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OPERA COMPANY QUILTS.

The Knickerbocker Ends a One Night Engagement at the Majestic.

The curtain at the Majestic Theatre, where the Knickerbocker Grand Opera Company began an engagement Monday night, did not go up last night, and it is said that the support of the enterprise has withdrawn.

Monday night, presented Mme. Padovani in "Il Trovatore." The audience was pleased, but criticism yesterday morning was various. The opera company, however, said that Mme. Padovani was at the theatre ready for work. Mr. Kronberg could not be reached last night.

Those who will participate are the commissioners of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio and the members of the Public Service Commission of the Second district of New York.

Unusual conditions by which the railroad are confronted have caused the railroad commissioners to think seriously about whether their present policy is in the interest of all concerned. This subject will be thoroughly discussed to-morrow.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane will to-morrow begin a general inquiry into the rates of the Pullman company at a hearing in the Federal Building. The complainant is George S. Loftus of St. Paul. In his complaint Mr. Loftus declares that the rates of the Pullman company could be reduced 50 per cent, and the company still make large profits.

REFUSES A LABOR INJUNCTION.

Judge Quotes Roosevelt as Opposed to Such Court Activities.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Judge Charles M. Walker late to-day denied the petition for an injunction to prevent street car union members from threatening to strike in an effort to have nineteen non-union employees discharged by the Chicago Railway Company.

In making his decision Judge Walker quoted the recent message of President Roosevelt, in which the President criticised the courts for abuse of jurisdiction against labor. Judge Walker, reading his decision, said: "The scope of the injunction prayed for in this case is far greater than any ever issued by this Court."

SOCIALISTS REACHING OUT.

Clerical Ones Would Gather in All Intellectual Proletarians.

The executive committee of the Ministers Socialist Conference held a meeting yesterday in this city to prepare plans for forming an international body of Socialists composed altogether of professional men who have socialist ideas. The plan is to be submitted at a three day convention which the conference refers to as the Socialist Ministerial Convocation, in this city, beginning on May 28.

The Rev. John D. Long, secretary of the conference, said yesterday that it was the wish of the executive committee of which the Rev. M. Thorne, Ph.D., a Jewish rabbi, is a member, that the place where the committee met should not be published.

"I have been authorized to state, however," he said, "that a statement of principles of the proposed international body was prepared by the committee and will be formally adopted by the convention on May 28. It is likely that the proposed broader movement will be inaugurated by a mass meeting to be held early in June, to which all the professional classes in general, New York, physicians, lawyers, teachers, authors and clergymen will be invited."

It is known that large numbers of these intellectual proletarians are in sympathy with Socialism, and the organization of the proposed alliance is to form a body which will develop and present the ethical and cultural sides of socialism, seeking likewise to create a native literature on the subject which will appeal to the American public. It will be formed for a two fold purpose, one object being to reach the educated proletarians with the philosophy of socialism and another of training those less fortunate in the enjoyment of educational advantages in the best methods of socialism and presenting the teachings of socialism.

TO KEEP SMITH GIRLS AT HOME.

College Authorities Make Rules Against Dining and Dancing Out of Town.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 19.—Smith College girls will not be allowed to go out of town on Sundays to take dinner. When recently some of them went to a neighboring village and after a big spread indulged in a dance it was too much for the college authorities.

The girls are not to be allowed in the future to go to any hotel and are restricted to two small private places in the city. This is for the purpose of holding off the possibility of undue frivolity on the part of the students.

New and more stringent rules generally have been adopted regarding social life among the girls. The number of visitors of the students' own set that can come to dinner at any of the campus houses at one time has been limited, and a more man cannot come at all unless he is close in relationship to one of the girls. The rule that a girl may not walk or ride with a man unless she is engaged to be married to him, which has frequently been violated of late, is to be rigidly enforced.

BROOKLYN SEWER FRAUDS.

Grand Jury on a John Doe Hunt After Miles Partners.

The Grand Jury in Brooklyn is at present engaged in a John Doe proceeding with view to the possible prosecution of a city Magistrate and a couple of other city officials who are suspected of being copartners in a sewer claim fraud on the city.

Charles M. Wells, who was Miles' clerk and is sharing his imprisonment, was brought over to Brooklyn yesterday from the island and was a witness before the Grand Jury. It is said that Miles himself may also appear before the Grand Jury as a witness.

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